

# St Mary's Lanark

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## 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14th July 2024

*Daily Mass & Devotions from St Mary's are broadcast on the parish YouTube Channel.*

**Sunday 14th July** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Monday 15th July** *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 5pm*

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

**Tuesday 16th July**

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

**Wednesday 17th July**

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

**10.00am** Church Cleaning

**7.00pm** *Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)*

**Thursday 18th July**

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

**Friday 19th July**

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

**Saturday 20th July** *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

9.00am Confession until 9.25am

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Sunday 21st July** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)





## Please Pray For The Following



**Recently Dead:** Teresa Kennedy Markgreen Park  
Emily Logan; Rose Robertson (Newmains); Eugene Smyth (Ireland).

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** John Meahan; Martin McPhail; Angela O’Connell; Liz Rae; Frances Cassidy.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Teresa Kennedy Reception of Body: Wednesday 24th July, 7pm  
Requiem Mass: Thursday 25th July, 9.30am

*Blessed are those who have died in the Lord,  
Let them rest from their labours,  
And their good deeds go with them.*

**Prayers for the Dead:** The Church has always urged the faithful to pray for those who have died, particularly by having Holy Mass offered for the repose of their soul. Pope Francis describes this as, ‘the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly the most abandoned ones.’ If you would like Mass offered for the repose of the soul of a loved one please write their name on an envelope with the Mass offering enclosed and give it to Fr John-Paul or hand it into the sacristy or post it through the chapel house letterbox.

## Memorial Plaques

We have now received 25 plaques from Paterson Memorials to complete our third order. The Memorial Wall is almost full, and we hope to do our **last** order after summer. The 25 plaques will be mounted within the next few weeks. If you would like a plaque, please complete a form and return it directly to Fr John-Paul with payment.

## St Mary’s Annual BBQ - Sunday 18th August 2024



You are invited to our Annual BBQ on Sunday 18th August 2024 after 10.30 Mass. Children’s entertainer, fire engine, balloon modelling, face-painting and lots more activities. Stalls include Children’s Tombola, Bottle Tombola and Make and Bake stall. The Raffle will be drawn at the BBQ. Tea and Coffee will be served. Bar will also be open for refreshments.

Any donations for raffle and tombola stalls will be gratefully received.

## Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,135.00  
Standing Orders: £ 495.00  
Votives: £ 165.00  
Stall: £ 70.00

**St Marys Mission RCDM**  
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*continued generosity*



## St Mary’s Ministry Rota

### Readers:

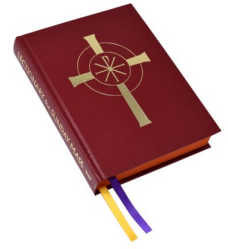
<b>13th/14th July</b>	<b>27th/28th July</b>
<b>5.00pm</b> R. Kane	<b>5.00pm</b> G. Abernethy
<b>10.30am</b> R. Colpitts	<b>10.30am</b> E. McCabe
<b>5.00pm</b> S. Casserly	<b>5.00pm</b> M. Davis
<b>20th/21st July</b>	<b>3rd/4th August</b>
<b>5.00pm</b> J. McBride	<b>5.00pm</b> A. Haetzman
<b>10.30am</b> P. Roberts	<b>10.30am</b> J. Russell
<b>5.00pm</b> N. Donnelly	<b>5.00pm</b> S. Casserly

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<b>13th/14th July</b>	<b>27th/28th July</b>
<b>5.00pm</b> P. Freel	<b>5.00pm</b> J. McEwan
R. Sinton	C. McClafferty
<b>10.30am</b> C. Duddy	<b>10.30am</b> J. Littlejohn
V. Hilland	M. Keenan
D. McFarlane	M. Keenan
<b>20th/21st July</b>	
<b>5.00pm</b> M. Keenan	
P. Stewart	
<b>10.30am</b> J. McAlavey	
M. Davis	
C. O’Brien	

## New Lectionaries

**WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHY?** The Lectionary (the books we use to proclaim the Word of God in our Masses and other liturgies) is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued to work through all the other liturgical rites.



**WHAT TRANSLATION WILL THE NEW LECTIONARY USE?** The new Lectionary will be using the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible, and the Abbey Psalter for the psalms.

**WHAT EFFECT WILL THE CHANGES HAVE ON THE MASS READINGS?** The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical settings that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive.

**WHEN WILL THE CHANGES TAKE PLACE?** The new Lectionary will come into force on the First Sunday of Advent 2024.

**CAN PARISHES KEEP USING THE OLD LECTIONARY?** No, parishes will need to change over to the new Lectionary on 1st December 2024.

**WHAT IS THE COST?** The Ambo Edition is the standard Lectionary for parishes. Exquisitely bound in padded leather, and adorned with gold-blocking, gilded edges and multiple ribbon markers, these four volumes are both sturdy and worthy for the proclamation of the Word of God. Each set of four books which are needed will cost £695. We will need two sets, one for St Mary's & one for Holy Trinity, so total cost £1,390.00. We will also need one version of the Study Edition, smaller books, for use in our school or in Masses in other places such as parishioners houses etc; costing £250.

This is quite an expense, however, necessary for our parish to stay "in tune" with the Church Universal, but also, will keep the Word of God alive and fresh for our lives.

### Weddings in St Mary's

So far this year 6 couples have been married in St Mary's with another 2 couples scheduled to celebrate their Big Day within the next few weeks.

If you have booked your wedding in St Mary's anytime between Sept - Dec 2024, please contact Fr John-Paul direct to confirm your date and start the official paperwork .

*Let all that you do be done in love.  
1 Corinthians 16:14*

### Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass Singing

One of our parishioners has kindly volunteered to help with the singing at the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass. Hopefully, others will feel comfortable at joining in the singing. If you are interested in helping with the singing please go to the choir loft before Mass and speak to Katie; it will be wonderful if we could have a few parishioners help enhance our liturgy and experience of Mass.

*"They who sing, prays twice."  
St Augustine*

### Assisted Suicide Survey

Assisted Suicide Short Survey: The Scottish Parliament Health Committee is asking for your views on proposals to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. It is vital that as many people as possible complete the short survey, which should take just a few minutes to do, before it closes on 16th August. Full guidance, including a link to the survey, can be accessed by scanning the QR code or by entering the following address in your web browser:

<https://rcpolitics.org/assisted-suicide-committee-call-for-views/>



### Summer Break

If you are heading away on holiday this summer please enjoy a restful and happy time away from the humdrum of ordinary everyday life. When you are away please don't forget to attend Mass. Why not get a photograph of the church you are visiting and send them through to the parish Facebook page where we can let others see the many different churches visited this summer (none as beautiful as our own two churches of course!)?

## Dryness In Prayer

The experience of aridity or spiritual dryness in prayer is the inevitable experience of those who have become accustomed to praying regularly. Often the lack of feeling in prayer may be misinterpreted as a sign that we are no longer praying or we may be even tempted to give up prayer. St Francis Writes: “Don’t waste time during prayer trying to understand exactly what you are doing or how you are praying; for the best prayer is that which keeps us so occupied with God that we don’t think about ourselves or about what we are doing.”



Yet, it needs to be explained to the person praying that this dryness is a normal phenomenon in the journey of prayer. It is calling for a deeper reliance on faith that God is working away in the darkness, and the lack of feeling is not to be taken as the gauge of prayer. It is a movement from the senses to the spirit where the sensory part of the person is starting to dry up and the soul’s riches are being transferred to the spirit. Rather than being an indication of diminishing prayer, this experience is an indication that God is becoming more the agent and the person more the receiver.

For St Francis, prayer and life are one, much like how breathing out follows breathing in. We breathe in the love of God through prayer, and breathe our love in our service of others. Genuine prayer naturally leads to selfless service, igniting a love that is true charity. Just like an human relationship, through prayer, we are transformed and shaped by God which whom we are communicating. Prayer stretches us beyond our limits of loving, and, in so doing, transforms us ever more into the likeness of Jesus, by uniting us with him.

The call to prayer draws us into the Heart of God in communion with others because God is the great uniter. It is through the Sacraments, in particular, that we are graced with this encounter with the heart of Christ, who draws us into unity. However, without a prayer life, the Sacraments would have a limited effect. The Sacraments confer grace but their effects can be stunted if they are not rooted in good soil, the soil of a prayer life. The Sacraments, like our prayer life, draw us to the heart of Christ, and allow us in turn to imitate Christ to others in our daily lives.

Prayer, understood as heart to heart, is at the epicenter of our relationship with God; of who we are to others. Through prayer we receive from God our “mission” and through prayer we are given strength to carry this “mission” out. Prayer is at the heart of everything we do, and is there to help us grow in holiness, through our relationship with God, and mirroring that relationship to others.



**HERE I AM, LORD**

Through prayer God has invited us to participate in his divine friendship. At times this friendship is taken for granted by us, and our prayer life can become difficult and dry. Yet, at times this divine friendship will flourish and will be vibrant. In those difficult and dry times, try to remember the good times, try to remember times when your friendship with God has flourished. Through the happy times, and the vibrant times, rejoice and praise God for his grace and favour. In all things, in all prayer, dry or vibrant, God is always with us, he never abandons us, and although we may not feel him or hear him, he is still listening to us.